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SUBJECT: DRAFTING GROUP MEETING, NO. 74, MARCH 16, 1976 (SALT
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1. ARTICLE II.7/6 (HEAVY MISSILE DEFINITION). SOVIETS TABLED
REVISED PROPOSAL WHICH USES AS THE STANDARD, ZTHE HEAVIEST,
IN TERMS OF LAUNCHING WEIGHT OR THROW-WEIGHT, OF LIGHT ICBMS".
US UNDERTOOK TO STUDY PROPOSAL.

2. ARTICLE II.5 (MIRV DEFINITION). SOVIETS MAINTAINED
THAT "ARE" SHOULD BE SUBSTITUTED FOR "UNDERSTOOD TO BE" IN
US PROPOSED AGREED STATEMENT. US RESPONDED THAT ENGLISH
CONCEPT WAS CLEAR AND APPROPRIATE WORDS COULD BE FOUND, BUT
OTHER ENGLISH EXPRESSIONS SUCH AS "CONSIDERED TO BE" COULD
BE USED. SOVIETS STATED THERE WAS NO NEED TO USE "CURRENTLY",
WHICH APPEARED IN US PROPOSED AGREED STATEMENT, SINCE SOVIET
LANGUAGE WHICH WAS ALMOST IDENTICAL TO THAT OF US, INCLUDED
CONCEPT OF COMPUTERS THAT COULD EXIST IN FUTURE AND FUTURE
DEVICES FOR TARGETING (OTHER THAN JET ENGINES AND AERODYNAMIC
SYSTEMS). US EXPLAINED THAT IT WAS CONCERNED THAT A LIMITED
YET IMPLICITLY COMPLETE LIST MIGHT RESULT IN FUTURE WEAPONS

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WHICH LACKED AN ELEMENT ON THE LIST OR HAD DIFFERENT ELEMENTS

NOT LISTED BEING EXCLUDED AS MIRVS. SOVIETS SAID LIST WAS NOT OF COMPONENTS WHICH MAKE UP A MIRV BUT LIST OF HOW RVS ARE INDEPENDENTLY TARGETABLE. SOVIETS INQUIRED WHETHER US PROBLEM WOULD BE SOLVED IF "OTHER DEVICES" AT END OF AGREED STATEMENT REFERRED TO COMPUTERS AS WELL AS DEVICES USING JET ENGINES AND AERODYNAMIC SYSTEMS OR WHETHER IT WOULD BE SOLVED IF "OTHER DEVICES" AT END OF AGREED STATEMENT WERE TO HAVE MEANING OF FIRST USE OF DEVICES IN AGREED STATEMENT (THAT IS "BY MEANS OF DEVICES"). SOVIETS EVEN SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY IF LATTER ADOPTED OF USING "CURRENTLY" AND "IN FUTURE".

3. DEFINITION OF LAUNCHING WEIGHT. IN RESPONSE TO US QUESTIONS, SOVIETS SAID OBJECTIONS TO US PROPOSAL TO USE "MOMENT OF IGNITION" WERE THAT THEY WERE UNCLEAR WHAT WAS IGNITED; THAT LAUNCHING WEIGHT IS UNDERSTOOD AS WEIGHT NOT AT MOMENT IN FLIGHT BUT AT LAUNCH; AND THAT IT WAS INCONSISTENT TO DEFINE LAUNCHING WEIGHT AND THEN USE MOMENT IN FLIGHT. US EXPLAINED THAT "MOMENT OF IGNITION" IS WHEN FUEL IN BOOSTER IGNITES AND THAT IT HAD TROUBLE WITH PRECISION OF "MOMENT OF LAUNCH", SINCE SIDES HAD BEEN UNABLE TO DEFINE THIS MICROSECOND. IT WAS AGREED THAT "FULLY-LOADED MISSILE ITSELF" WAS INTENDED BY SOVIETS TO ELIMINATE NEED FOR A SECOND SENTENCE STATING THAT LAUNCH ASSIST DEVICES NOT ASSOCIATED WITH THE MISSILE WERE EXCLUDED FROM LAUNCHING WEIGHT. SIDES CONSIDERED POSSIBLE USE OF "READY FOR LAUNCH" OR "TIME OF LAUNCH" IN PLACE OF "MOMENT OF LAUNCH".

4. ARTICLE VI.1(A) COMMON UNDERSTANDING (OPERATIONAL LAUNCHERS). INFORMALLY, US SUGGESTED DELETION OF COMMON UNDERSTANDING PROPOSED BY US TO ACCOMPANY ARTICLE VI.1(A). FYI. SUGGESTION BASED ON SMALL NUMBER OF SOVIET LAUNCHERS REMAINING UNCOMPLETED (AND THEIR RELATIVELY ADVANCED CONSTRUCTION) AND AMBIGUITY OF "OPERATIONAL" IN PROPOSED COMMON UNDERSTANDING. END FYI.
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